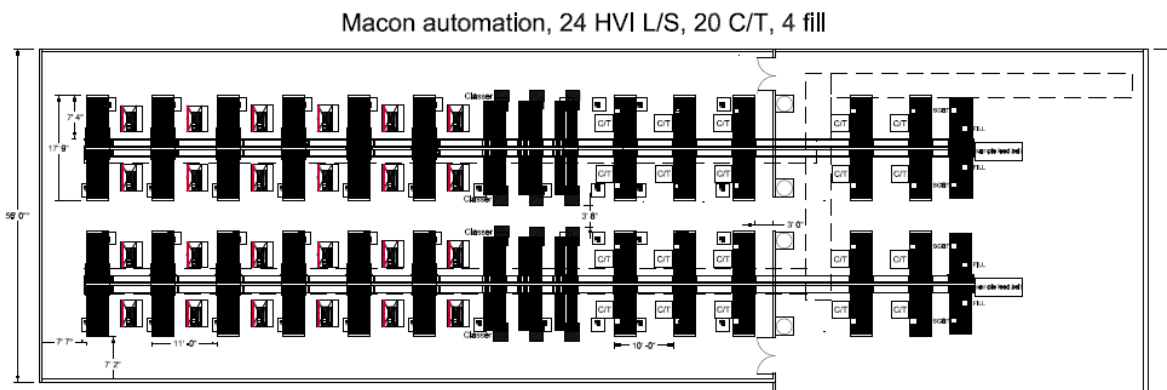


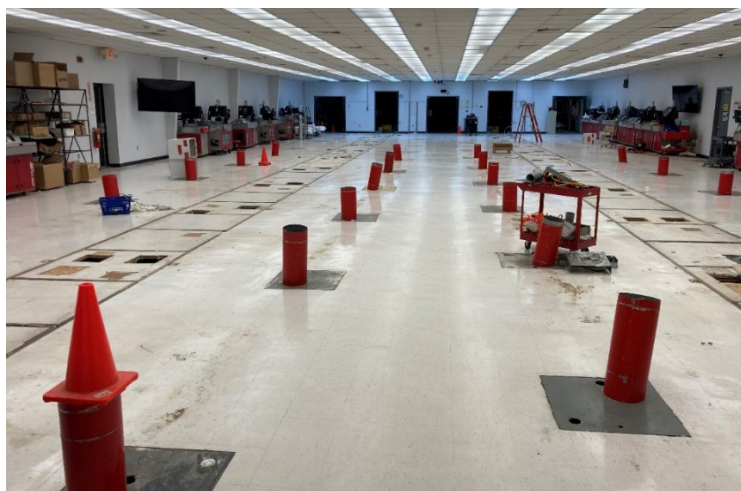


### **Macon, Georgia Classing Office Automation Update**

C&T is in the process of installing an automation system in our Macon, Georgia cotton classing facility. The current manual classing operation has been in place for the past 25 years and we are making significant upgrades that utilizes conveyors for sample movement. The improvements will reduce the number of cotton testing instruments by 30% and still achieve the same productivity capabilities of up to 50,000 samples tested per day. The improvements increase program efficiencies by reducing instrumentation and improving the testing cycle time of each instrument through the utilization of new technologies to deliver samples just in time. The sketch provided below gives an overview of the laboratory layout within the office.



The demolition of the existing conveyor systems was accomplished the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> as seen in the image below.



The image provided below gives a first look at the system as it was being assembled in the vendor's warehouse. One of the systems was transported to the Macon classing office during the first week of April and the final system followed one week later. The final completion date is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will then begin the process of commissioning the systems to ensure they meet the contract specifications for productivity.

